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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of :
Zenhausen, F. :
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Serial No. 09/332,659 :
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Filed: June 14, 1999 :
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For: APPARATUS AND :
METHOD FOR MONITORING :
MOLECULAR SPECIES :
WITHIN A MEDIUM :

Group Art Unit: 1655
Examiner: Chakrabarti, A.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT


In a July 12, 2001 Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following groups:

- I. Claims 1-24 and 34-36 drawn to detection of nucleic acids, classified in class 435, subclass 6.
- II. Claims 27-33, drawn to a computerized apparatus, classified in class 364, subclass 400+.

Applicant hereby elects with traverse Group I Claims 1-24 and 34-36 for prosecution in this application. Applicant submits that a search of the method would uncover the apparatus of Group II. Applicant respectfully requests the right to file a divisional application directed to the unelected claims.

A prompt action on the merits is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned should he believe this would expedite prosecution of this application. It is believed no fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2165.

Respectfully submitted,



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DATE: August 13, 2001

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